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ONLY ONE DAY MORE TO LIVE

MRS. NACK ON THE STAND

Murderer Durrant to Die Tomorrow.

He Seems Totally Indifferent to His Fate.

The Court Room Crowded to Sufocation When Sentence Was Pronounced.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 10.—William Henry Theodore Durrant, the young medical student condemned to death for the murder of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams in this city in April, 1895, was brought over from San Quentin prison today and upon being taken before Judge Bahr shortly before noon, was sentenced to be hanged on Friday morning next.

Cleanly shaved, with the exception of his mustache, which has been allowed to attain a luxuriant growth during his sojourn in prison, attired in his best suit of clothes, over which he wore a faultlessly fitting overcoat, light in color, Durrant made a conspicuous figure in the train and ferry boat.

His reappearance in public was the signal for the gathering of crowds. The eager press of the multitude to see this arch murderer, perhaps to speak with him, and the demonstrations along the line of his route showed that the interest of the people in his affairs was in no way abated.

At the city hall there were other crowds that impeded the progress of the party. They filled the halls, and it was with difficulty that they were beaten back by the officers on duty in the corridors near the witness room door. Durrant was taken into the witness room, addressed Judge Bahr's court, and remained there until the hour for hearing the case arrived, which was 11 o'clock.

Meanwhile an impatient mob thronged the corridors and hammered relentlessly at the doors of both court room and ante-room, but Sheriff Whelan and his men were on hand, and the rush was successfully stayed when no more could gain admittance to the court room.

Promptly at the appointed hour Judge Bahr called upon Durrant to stand at the bar. The defendant's attorneys, however, interposed an objection to the proceedings, upon technical grounds, which was, however, overruled.

"William Henry Theodore Durrant, stand up," ordered the court.

The defendant, indignant, stood up, and this his marvelous control asserted itself. He looked infinitely cooler, wonderfully better, than he did in the ante-room. He was deadly pale, but calm and cold possessed. He faced the judge without flinching and listened intently to the judge's words.

Judge Bahr reminded him that on December 6, 1895, the judgment of death was pronounced upon him for the murderer of Blanche Lamont on April 3, 1895; that judgment still remained in force.

An appeal to the state supreme court had been dismissed and a writ of habeas corpus denied in the United States court and the refusal affirmed by the supreme court of the United States, the highest tribunal of the land. His honored quoted section 1227 of the Penal Code, providing that if any capital sentence of death still remained in effect, remains unexecuted, the court, on motion of the district attorney, appoint a day for the hearing of any legal reason existing for the non-carrying out of the judgment, and, in the event of finding that no such reason exist, shall proceed to appoint a time and place for the execution.

"The district attorney has made such motion," said the judge, "and I have pronounced you here today, with your counsel, to state any legal reason you may have to show why this judgment should not be executed. I am ready to hear from you."

The defendant's attorneys again uttered technical objections to the proceedings, but Judge Bahr, after listening patiently to them, said, "I will say, we are your private, aside and pronounced judgment solely and impersonally, ordering that the young defendant standing alone in the crowded court, be hanged on Friday, November 12th, between the hours of sunrise and noon."

As the words "Friday, November 12th," left the judge's lips a murmur of horror rang through the room. Two short days to prepare for death, after two years of false hope and encouragement!

Women hid their faces, while the men craned their necks to see how Durrant would take it. He expected it, he would never flinch. As the date of his doom was pronounced just the aspersion of a finger appeared on the corner of his mouth. It was the expression of one who would die defiant to the last, and when all was over and the officials began to clear the courtroom, he remained his seat and chatted unconcernedly with his father and some sympathizing friends.

It was some time before the gaping mob was dispersed. All the while Chief Justice Sather and Captain of the Guard Birken watched Durrant closely, careful to see that nothing was passed to him in any friendly handshake. When all was clear the cuffs were slipped on his wrists, he was dashed down the staircase into a hack waiting by the Larkin street entrance and off to the ferry, where the boat was taken for San Quentin and the condemned cell.

NEVADA'S TRAGEDY.

The Coroner's Jury Finds Concluding Verdicts.

CARSON, Nev., November 10.—The coroner's jury failed to come to an unanimous agreement in the Jones murder case today. After listening to testimony all morning the jurors retired and one hour later reported two verdicts.

The first, concurred in by seven jurors, was to the effect that Jones came to his death at the hands of Julian Guinan, and the second, signed by the remaining three jurors, that death resulted from a gunshot wound inflicted by unknown parties. Young Guinan did not take the stand. His confession was testified to by the sheriff and other witnesses who were present when he surrendered himself. The body was taken to Reno at 10 a.m.

SHOT DEAD IN HIS TRACKS

She Testifies Against Barber Thorn.

How Guldensuppe's Remains Were Disposed of.

A Juror Sickens Over the Gruesome Details—Thorn's Attorneys Perplexed.

Believing His Father's Life to Be in Danger the Youth Did Not Hesitate.

CARSON, November 9.—There was an extraordinary turn of affairs today in the Thorn murder trial in Long Island City. Mrs. Augusta Nack, who was indicted, together with her husband, a lawyer, Martin Thorn, for the murder of her former lover, William Guldensuppe, for whom she deserted her legal husband, appeared in the role of a state witness against Thorn to the consternation of the latter's lawyers.

As soon as Martin Thorn arrived in the court room he was informed by his counsel of the action that Mrs. Nack would take and just for a moment his face flushed and, with brows contracted and lips compressed, he showed for the first time since his arrest that he was in any way perturbed.

He soon regained his composure, however, and while he leaned forward and spoke to his lawyers Mrs. Nack entered the court room. The women passed close to Thorn on her way to the district attorney's table, but she avoided looking at him. Thorn's eyes followed her as she walked around back of the jury box and took a seat in the witness chair.

For two hours and forty-five minutes she remained there while she told the terrible story of how she lured Guldensuppe to his death, and in telling the tale she knew full well that she was bringing her paramour to the electric chair.

He saw Guinan approaching.

Believing trouble to be inevitable when the two men should meet, the boy

procured a Winchester rifle and stationed himself at a window for the purpose, as he says of protecting his father. Upon

entering Dr. Guinan said to Jones:

"This is the last time I shall ever warn you against keeping company with my daughter."

Jones leaped at the doctor in comment upon this warning, and slipped his hand into his right pocket. Julian said that having often heard his father threaten to kill Jones and having been informed that the district attorney always carried a revolver, which he believed from Jones' motion was about to be drawn, the boy fired at Jones in anticipation of an attack upon his father.

Jones fell forward, dead. The bullet from the rifle entered above his right eye and passed out at the neck behind.

Miss Guinan, seeing Jones fall, threw herself upon him and embraced the dead body.

When the coroner took charge of the remains Jones' hand was still in his pocket, but no weapon was found.

The dead attorney was about 33 years of age, married, and leaves a widow and child at his home in Reno, Nev., whence he came this morning on official business. He was necessarily at Carson most of the time, and while here his attention to Miss Guinan occasioned so much talk that Dr. Guinan had been gravely threatened with his life.

During the examination of the body of Guldensuppe, Dr. Guinan said to the coroner:

"I will tell the jury the truth—that it was Mrs. Nack who killed Guldensuppe and cut him up in the bath tub."

During recess District Attorney Alcott of New York made the following statement:

"Ambushed by Tribesmen.

SUMA, November 9.—The report that a native officer and thirty-five Sikhs belonging to the Kurram column had been intercepted by the tribesmen in a ravine and slaughtered is officially confirmed.

It appears that they were operating in a section of the Kurram river, about a short cut down hill therefrom to a ravine where the grass of the jungle was burning.

The flames spread so rapidly as to completely cut off their retreat, and the tribesmen, seeing their predicament, swarmed on the higher ground, hurled rocks upon them and closed around the men until the whole thirty-six were shot or cut down. The Sikhs fought heroically until the very last, their officer killing two rebel chiefs with his own hands before he fell.

Fatal Accident to a Rancher.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9.—Richard Cornell, a rancher living near Novato, was met with what may prove to be a fatal accident. He was driving along the Novato road with a load of grain, when he missed his turn of the road, got into a ravine, and the horses became frightened and ran away and one of them was so severely injured that it had to be shot.

In it the Spanish ministry pledges itself to correct the abuses of power in Cuba which was the subject of so much complaint during the Taylor administration, and gives assurance of its friendly feeling toward the American people.

It accepts our good offices in its efforts to restore peace in Cuba, and in a perfectly respectful and friendly spirit asks this government as far as possible to restrain the insurgent sympathizers in the United States from giving material aid to the enemies of Spain in Cuba. The reply intimates that but for the assistance that has been given them by filibusters from the United States, peace would have been restored long ago.

This reply, it is stated, does not contain a single word of rebuke or reproof or an openly expressed purpose or feeling against the government of the United States.

On the contrary, the note is said to be distinctly conciliatory in tone, although insisting upon the right and duty of Spain to put down an armed insurrection within its own territory.

It is evident that the reply has made a favorable impression upon President McKinley and the members of the cabinet, and it is not unlikely that one of the features of his forthcoming message to Congress will be a discussion of the Cuban situation from which it will appear that there is nothing in the situation to justify present interference on the part of the United States.

The Fever Scare Subsiding.

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DIPLOMATIC COURTESIES

Canada and the Seal Question.

Premier Laurier to Visit Washington.

A Neat and Expedited Way of Backing Out of a Tight Place.

WASHINGTON, November 5.—A new phase of the Belvoir sea negotiations developed today when the state department was advised that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, and Sir Louis Davis, minister of marine and fisheries, in the Laurier cabinet, would come here early next week to take part in the negotiations. The British embassy was not advised, however, and it was understood that the British foreign office was equally unaware of the fact that the chief officials of Canada would come to Washington to treat in person on the subject. Up to this time the British authorities had strenuously insisted that the Belvoir sea meeting was to be confined strictly to an exchange of technical information between "experts."

Lord Salisbury's letter to Secretary Sherman carefully limited the meeting to one of "experts," and in execution of this Professor Thompson was named as the British expert and Professor Macoun the expert of Canada. Notwithstanding this strict limitation adopted at London, the two chief officials of Canada will come to Washington prepared to discuss the subject from a much broader standpoint than any thus far conceded in London.

How far they will be able to treat concerning Berlin and other subjects is a question of interesting conjecture. The state department is much gratified at their coming, as it is felt to offer the first prospect of considering the sealing question on broader lines than heretofore.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is regarded as the head of that element in Canada favorable to the most cordial relations with the United States. The liberal party, of which he is the leader, came into power on the basis of closest commercial relations with the United States.

Further Sir Wilfrid Laurier's efforts and those of his party associates towards securing a reciprocity treaty with the United States have been unavailing, but within the last few days the state department has intimated that it would view with favor negotiations for reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

NEW IRRIGATION SUIT.

It May Involve Another Contest Against the Wright Law.

LOS ANGELES, November 5.—B. F. Tracy of Alton, Ill., has filed a complaint in the United States circuit court of this district against the Manza Irrigation District, the Board of Supervisors, the University Bank and a score or more of other defendants, praying that the Wright act and all of its appendages and amendments, sets be declared void, as unconstitutional, as violating the fourteenth constitutional amendment, which prohibits states from depriving persons of property without due process of law.

The plaintiff also asks that \$56,000 of bonds of the Manza district be nullified; that the district be dissolved; as a property owner in the said district he asks that the supervisors be cited to show cause why they should not be restrained from enacting a proposed tax levy on lands of the district.

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WANT NATIONAL CHARTERS

Two San Francisco Banks Ambitious for a Wider Field.

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THE PRESIDENT'S BUSTY.

Anxiously Considering Alaskan and Diplomatic Matters.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 5.—There was an unusually large number of people at the White House, all anxious to see the president. The president is much concerned over the representation that many persons are in a starving condition in Alaska and it is probable that the matter will be fully discussed at the next meeting of the cabinet.

The W. C. T. U. Temple.

STOCKTON, November 5.—The case of Edward P. Miller against LeRoy Atwood was heard today before Judge Budd. The will of E. P. Miller, Sr., was read for probate some time ago. It bequeathed a large amount of property to the plaintiff in the case and then provided that the executors shall take half of the bequest in cash and deposit it in the local banks to draw interest. The court is asked to declare this portion of the will which establishes the trust as illegal and void. The effect would be to give the son the entire property at once. The case was taken under advisement.

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A New Theater for San Jose.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 5.—Major D. Phelan, of this city, just completed the preliminary arrangements for the erection of a new theater which he anticipates will be built at San Jose immediately. Architect Corlett, of this city, was entrusted with the plans and specifications, and the contractors are the same as those who built the old theater.

Theater to be Built in San Jose.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 5.—The Board of Supervisors of election of Somers county today found that 495 ballots lacked the signatures of the judges, as required by law. The board adjourned until Monday, when the attorney-general is expected to be present. If the court declares these ballots illegal it may affect the result in several counties.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

The Schoolboy Episode In Fancher Creek District.

JOHN DAVIS, of Fancher Creek district, was in town yesterday, and he stated that after an investigation of the reported attempt of one schoolboy to murder another in his neighborhood, he believed that it was a case of accidental shooting.

Mr. Davis thinks the Cimarron boy had imbibed too much wine, and as a precaution against getting into trouble had removed the cartridges from his pistol. He overlooked one, however, and this was accidentally discharged, wounding the victim in the thigh.

WILL GORMAN STOLE IT?

TO SETTLE THE TARIFF

Chamber of Commerce
Takes Action.

Favors the Idea of a Tariff
Commission.

A Motion Adopted Indorsing the
Proposition—Opposing
Views.

From Thursday's paper.
The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce took place last evening at the rooms of the Chamber on J street. After the transaction of routine business, the Chamber devoted some time to national politics.

John Reichman read a letter from the Tariff Commission League, with headquarters at Newark, N. J. The letter was in favor of a bill, introduced at the last session of congress, in which a non-partisan tariff commission was proposed. The bill did not pass and will be brought up again at the coming session of congress.

The members of the Chamber requested Mr. Reichman to read the proposed bill, and the following is a synopsis of its features:

The bill provides for the creation of a permanent Tariff Commission, which shall consist of seven members, who will hold their offices during good behavior. The members of the commission are to be appointed by the president, and shall have absolute power in fixing the tariff schedule in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The commission must arrange all duties on imported goods so that American products will be protected to the extent of the difference in the cost of production in the United States and foreign countries. The commission will act as a board of experts, investing, among other things, the cost of production, and any other facts required by it shall be kept in absolute secrecy.

The following members of the Chamber of Commerce were present and most of them favored the proposition to endorse the bill: Louis Gundlach, L. Einstein, James Madison, Leo Gundlach, H. Graff, J. Reichman, A. Baker, J. C. Nourse, A. Gartenlaub and J. S. Hermann.

President Louis Gundlach said he was greatly in favor of the bill. The tariff had been a disturbing factor in business ever presidential election, and it could be settled permanently trade would be benefited.

Mr. Madison thought the bill would be of interest to the interests of the people, as it would place too much power in the hands of a few men.

John Reichman said he was emphatically in favor of the bill, but did not expect to see its passage. The politicians would not have anything to say about it in regard to the proposition. He was opposed to giving a few men so much power and was inclined to believe that they could be controlled by money easier than a whole congress.

Leo Gundlach favored the bill because it would give stability, and certainty to business. He said: "I move that the Chamber of Commerce indorse the tariff commission bill under consideration and that proper steps be taken toward securing the assistance of our senators and congressmen in the passage of the bill at the next session of congress."

The following is the petition that is to be circulated:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States:

"The undersigned citizens of the United States, and residents of the counties of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings and Kern, in the state of California, respectfully petition your honorable body,

"That the congress of the United States did on or about the first day of October, 1893, declare, reserve and set apart a large body of land near us, and on the headwaters of the Merced and San Joaquin rivers, for a national park to be called the Yosemite National Park;

"The said park is situated on and near the summit of the Sierra Nevada mountains at altitudes above the level of the sea ranging from 8,000' to 12,000'; that there is no wagon road or way of travel from where your petitioners live to said park, except an old trail, which is very irregular, irregular and at times difficult and dangerous to pass over by even riding or pack animals;"

"That the whole country between where your petitioners live and the said park is very rough, steep and difficult to pass over;

"That owing to the excessive heat during the summer months where your petitioners live, it is necessary for health that we remove our families driving that hot weather to places more healthy and agreeable;

"That we annually spend large sums of money for travel and maintain our families over hundred miles away from home during this time, when better and more agreeable climates are found at said Yosemite park, a distance of 10 miles or less;

"That by building a wagon road forty miles in length good travel to said park can be had;

"Wherefore your petitioners respectfully ask your honorable body to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to build a wagon road from a point near the California mills in Madera county to Ral's Ranchers meadows on the San Joaquin river, near the town of Mammoth, all included in the national park reservation."

BURIED BY HERMANN'S SONS.

The Funeral of John Dieckman
Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of John Dieckman, who was crushed to death by a falling tree near Centerfield last Thursday, took place from the undertaking establishment of Stephen & Bean at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Herman's Sons, who was a member of that order.

The remains were accompanied to Mammoth Cemetery by a large number of friends and acquaintances of the deceased. A hand playing card was presented; the proceeds of the same were laid on the plot above the grave.

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The supervisors took the matter under advisement.

The petition of G. D. Hoyer and others of West Park, presented a few months ago, asking for a reduction of water rates for irrigation purposes was denied. District Attorney Snow rendering an opinion to the effect that the report of the viewers was not made in conformity with the statute. The attempt to establish the highway has given rise to considerable contention among the residents of the western hills.

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Fremen Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Engino Company No. 2, F. V. D., Tuesday night the following officers were elected: President, Charles Bach; first assistant, Fred; second assistant, George Faber; secretary, William Leavitt; treasurer, Clark Kosterer.

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY.
A Reunion at Visalia This Winter
Proposed.

There is some talk of a reunion of the veterans who wore the blue and the gray during the late war, the meeting to take place in Visalia during the coming winter, and the participants to be residents of the counties of Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern. The idea is a good one. The echoes of the last gun of the civil war died away so long ago that a generation of middle-aged Americans has come upon the scene since. Time has worn off the animosities growing out of such a conflict. The soldiers of the two armies fought so well for the respect of each other that all are Americans, once Americans, and are now living as American citizens in a country that knows no north or south, no east or west.

Men who passed through the stirring scenes of the rebellion, meeting now as friends and neighbors, could have a most enjoyable meeting, and derive much pleasure from the recounting of experiences which impressed them during the long struggle. The example set by the most noted commanders of both armies, among whom a warm friendship existed after the war and lasted until death in many instances, has divided itself to follow him who participated in the conflict. Fraternal meetings of this kind are possible only in such a country as ours, and they are always productive of much benefit. The Delta hopes to see the blue and gray reunite in Visalia at an early date.

Enterprising and Consistent.
From the Stockton Record.

The Fresno daily REPUBLICAN, one of the very best and most enterprising and consistent Republican journals of the state, has enlarged to an eight page, seven column paper, and furnishes its readers the satisfaction of getting all the important news from a big paper. It deserves its evident prosperity.

INTO THE PARK

Petition for a Mountain
Road.

Congress to Be Asked to Appri-
priate \$40,000 to
Build It.

From Thursday's Daily.

A movement is on foot to propose a big petition from the part of the state to present to congress asking that it appropriate \$40,000 to build a wagon road from the California mills in Madera county to a point near Mammoth City in the high Sierras. The highway is to extend through territory the government set apart as national park in 1890.

The master is to be present to the Board of Supervisors of the several counties of this valley in the expectation that they will take it up and lead in the effort to induce congress to make the appropriation. The movement is one that should receive the indorsement of every resident of the San Joaquin valley. At present the extensive park that has been reserved in the mountains is as accessible by wagon on only a few routes, the only established highway, in fact, being that by way of the Sequoia mill. A popular reason for the proposal is that a good wagon road would be of great service to the interests of the people, congress ought to make provision for the attainment of that purpose. As it is, the trip can be made into the park only with considerable difficulty.

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"That owing to the excessive heat during the summer months where your petitioners live, it is necessary for health that we remove our families driving that hot weather to places more healthy and agreeable;

"That we annually spend large sums of money for travel and maintain our families over hundred miles away from home during this time, when better and more agreeable climates are found at said Yosemite park, a distance of 10 miles or less;

"That by building a wagon road forty miles in length good travel to said park can be had;

"Wherefore your petitioners respectfully ask your honorable body to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to build a wagon road from a point near the California mills in Madera county to Ral's Ranchers meadows on the San Joaquin river, near the town of Mammoth, all included in the national park reservation."

THE SUPERVISORS.

Petition for Reduction of Water
Rates is Denied.

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Fremen Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Engino Company No.

2, F. V. D., Tuesday night the following officers were elected: President, Charles Bach; first assistant, George Faber; second assistant, Fred; treasurer, Clark Kosterer.

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY.

A Reunion at Visalia This Winter
Proposed.

From the Visalia Daily.

FATHER AND SON ON TRIAL

Prosecution of W. P.
and E. W. Hedrick.

For Attempting to Murder
B. H. Boren.

The Squaw Valley Stabbing Af-
fray in Court—A Juror
Disappears.

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ALL FOR THE ORPHANS

The Charity Ball a Great Success.

Fresno's Brilliant Social Event.

The Ladies' Association Deserving of Much Praise for Its Work.

Saturday's Daily.

The annual Charity Ball given for the benefit of the county orphans was held at the Armory last night, and as usual was a brilliant event. Social lines were not drawn and it was thoroughly enjoyable. The attendance was satisfactory, though not quite so large as in former years, but the dancers had all the more room on the account.

The ladies realized a neat sum for the maintenance of their worthy institution. An admission of \$1 per couple was charged, and besides they netted a substantial amount by serving supper at 50 cents.

The tables were in the officer's quarters of the armory, and they were well patronized. There was a liberal disposition among all to assist the ladies, who had worked hard to make the affair a success in order that they might eternally carry on their noble cause of rearing the little orphans.

Armory ball was in full array for the occasion. Mrs. W. N. Outbourn and George C. Hosking furnished chrysanthemums and pot plants in abundance, and these were arranged about the hall with artistic effect.

The orchestra was almost screened from view by a tasteful arrangement of palms about the platform. In the upper room there was a lavish display of beautiful chrysanthemums, together with potted palms and other shrubbery.

The illumination of the hall was brilliant. The San Joaquin Electric Company had provided extra light free of charge, adding much to the general effect.

Besides the dancers there were a large number of spectators in the balcony.

Entertainment was in attendance in full force and it made excellent music.

The grand march began at 9:30 o'clock, and was led by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Seymour. Mrs. Seymour is the president of the orphans' association. Lewis H. Smith was floor manager, and he was assisted by Messrs. W. C. Colson, J. B. Mertzler, L. Heringh, Fred M. Helm, S. J. Ashman and G. C. Franman.

The reception committee consisted of the members of the orphans' organization, and its officers, who are: Mrs. Seymour, president; Mrs. W. D. Colson, first vice president; Mrs. J. B. Smith, second vice president; Mrs. G. C. Mertzler, treasurer; Mrs. L. Heringh, secretary.

The ladies certainly deserve great credit for the successful manner in which they carried out last night's affair, and they fully merited the liberal encouragement given them.

REVENGEFUL BOY

Reported to Have Shot a Schoolmate.

An Attempt to Murder in Fancher District—Reported to Have Fled.

A 15-year-old son of John Crammer is reported to have shot and wounded a son of Van Moore, also 15, in the Fancher district, northeast of Sanger, last Monday. The victim was wounded in the thigh, but not seriously. Dr. J. D. Jacobi of Centerville was called to attend him.

The particulars of the shooting are meager. Even Constable Irvine of Sanger, in whose bailiwick the shooting occurred, did not learn of it till last evening. No attempt was made to arrest the shooter, and it is reported that he intended to leave the country. But if this is the fact, the officers have not been notified and Crammer has had no difficulty in getting away.

From the best account obtainable of the difficulty it seems to have originated at the Fancher school, which both the boys were attending. They had some trouble there and the Crammer boy was beaten.

That evening he resolved that he would have revenge, and he proceeded to the home of the Moors, where he called out his victim and fired a shot at him. It appears that the Crammer boy proceeded in a dramatic manner to carry out his purpose of killing his schoolmate. He first pulled all the cartridge except one out of his pistol in the presence of the Moore boy, and announced that with the one bullet that remained he would end his victim's life. But his aim was poor and he hit his enemy in the thigh.

Farmer's Club Meeting Today.

The executive committee of the Farmers' Club will meet today at 1:30 o'clock and consider important business. At 2:30 the regular monthly meeting of the club will take place. The program promises to be quite interesting. Mrs. John S. Dore will read a paper on "Curing and Preserving Onions." Mrs. John S. Dore will read a paper on "Curing and Preserving Onions." It is desired that there will be a full attendance at both meetings.

THE RATTO MINORS.

M. J. Aguirre Appointed Guardian of Them.

Judge Webb yesterday awarded the guardianship of the Ratto minors to M. J. Aguirre, who is their god-father and whom their mother upon her deathbed asked to care for the two girls. The court required of Mr. Aguirre that he give a bond of \$1000 that he would properly care for the children.

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NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS.

Superintendent Kirk Begins His Annual Tour of Inspection.

Superintendent T. J. Kirk this week visited Page, Easterby and Belmont schools and reports good attendance and marked interest all.

Page district chose a new building site last summer and moved the schoolhouse in time for opening the present term. Improvements of the buildings and grounds are under way and in the near future the large schoolhouse and its surroundings will present a fine appearance.

Easterby school district is sadly in need of a new schoolhouse. Miss Kate Kline, doing excellent work as teacher, but she is at a great disadvantage in raising over thirty children in a room not large enough for more than ten or fifteen.

Belmont is one of the best schools of the county. About 150 children are in attendance there under the general supervision of H. C. Shelton, assisted by Miss Cecily Collins, Miss Mary Martin and Miss Belle Ritchie. The people of the district have reason for being well satisfied with the manner in which their school affairs are managed by the trustees and the work of their teachers.

HIS LEG WAS BROKEN.

Judge Crawford Clears Up the Mystery of His Disappearance.

Ex-Judge Crawford of Firebaugh, who disappeared a few weeks ago, has returned to Fresno. It appears that the ex-Judge went to Oakland, where he met with an accident that confined him to a hospital until recently. For several weeks his Firebaugh friends were wondering as to his whereabouts, as Justice Crawford was a well known citizen of the town. He gives the following explanation of his disappearance:

"I was walking on a short ear in Oakland and stepped in front of a heavy dray and was run over. His leg was broken and he was taken to a San Francisco hospital, where he was under treatment until a few days ago.

It is said that Judge Crawford will bring a damage suit against the parties responsible for his injuries.

DEATH OF A GOOD MAN.

W. P. Spratt Passes Away After a Short Illness.

The death of W. P. Spratt, assistant business manager of the Kuitner-Golden Company, occurred yesterday morning after an illness of only a few days.

Last Monday Mr. Spratt was not feeling well and went to his home. During the day he experienced a severe chill and later pneumonia developed. Until Thursday night no serious results were expected, but then the patient became rapidly worse, dying about 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. His death was wholly unexpected by his many friends and acquaintances and the news came as a shock to all who had known him.

For eight years Mr. Spratt lived in the city of Fresno and during that time he was in the employ of the Kuitner-Golden Company. First he was in charge of the dry goods department of the firm, but was soon advanced to the management of both the dry and dress goods departments. Last year he was advanced to the position of assistant business manager. Mr. Spratt was highly esteemed in religious as well as business circles, and was a member of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

Deceased was born in New Orleans in 1855, and his parents removed from that city to Galveston, Texas, where he remained until eight years ago. Mr. Spratt came to Fresno for his health and it was greatly benefited by the change. He leaves a wife and three children.

The funeral services will be delayed until next Tuesday afternoon to await the arrival of a brother from Galveston. Services will be held in the Episcopal church at 3 o'clock, and the interment will take place in Mountain View cemetery.

KINGSBURG NEWS

Raisins Damaged by the Late Rains.

Growers Holding the Undamaged Product for Higher Prices.

Fatal Diphtheria.

Mrs. A. G. Bryan left Wednesday for Ojai, where she will remain with relatives during the winter.

Frank Rosenthal left Monday for Bakersfield, where he will be engaged in sowing wheat during the winter.

Dr. Byron, who arrived recently from Oakland, has gone to Bakersfield, where he expects to locate.

The young people of our town gave a social dance in Kingsburg hotel on Friday evening last, and a marvellous hall is on the cards for November 11th.

The cases of diphtheria in Canal school district, three miles from Kincora, have resulted fatally, there having been one death in the family of Mr. Young and two deaths in C. J. A. Peterson's family. No trace of the terrible disease has appeared in town, and the school has gone on uninterrupted.

Mrs. Nellie Muthig left a short time ago for Los Angeles to join her husband, who is in the employ of the railroad company at that state.

The members of the M. E. Church South gave an entertainment on Friday evening at the parsonage.

Many farmers are hauling in green grapes and loading them on the cars for the different wineries. Damaged raisins are being disposed of in the same way. Many raisins were damaged during the last rains in this vicinity. The farmers who succeeded in taking care of their raisins are holding them for higher prices, fearing that fair prices must come sooner or later.

Charles Allison and Miss McAninch were married Sunday last at the residence of the bride's parents near town. They are a youthful pair, the groom being 20 years of age. They will reside at Sanger. One kindred wishes them well.

Mr. K. K. Kinnon, a prisoner in the county jail, was ordered released on Friday.

Mr. Kinnon did not go with me, but authorized me to go. The meat I condemned was dark colored in the muscular part and the liver was very dark. I have no hesitation in saying that the meat was not fit for human consumption.

"Complaint was made to me last year that the sale of diseased meat was being conducted, and that it had been going on for two years. Lumpy jaw is a blood disease. I was informed at the Firebaugh hotel that the meat was padded for 10 cents a pound. It has now been raised to 12¢ cents. The meat is sold principally to the poor people and to the laborers who work on the Miller & Lux ranch. It was also stated that good meat from the Miller & Lux ranch is sold in the city for 5 cents a pound, while this diseased meat is sold around 10 cents a pound.

"I noted the superintendent at Firebaugh, Thomas Ward, not to sell any more meat of beasts affected with lumpy jaw, spleen fever, or any other disease.

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"The diseased cattle were slaughtered in Merced county and I waited till they were brought to this side in order to make the rounds. It is common practice for the dealers to pay the butcher for change of pasture, etc. I am quite positive that the cattle I saw killed were afflicted with lumpy jaw.

The latter is not a contagious disease but the flesh of animals suffering from it is not allowed to be sold in the markets of cities."

Lower Temperature and More Rain Than Usual.

The following is the report of October weather by J. P. Bolton, observer at the local station of the weather bureau:

Mean atmospheric pressure, 29.06; highest, 30.18; lowest, 29.71.

Mean temperature, 81; highest, 87, on the 11th; lowest, 40, on the 23rd; greatest daily range of temperature, 33, on the 18th and 19th; least daily range, 6, on the 23rd; mean temperature for October, 61.

The prevailing direction of the wind was northwest, and its total movement 2935 miles. The maximum velocity was 22 miles an hour, which was on the 24th.

The total precipitation was 1.18 inches. The average precipitation for October during the past 11 years has been .33 inches.

There were 23 clear days during the month, 7 partly cloudy and 1 cloudy.

There was no frost, the mean dew point 47, and humidity 63.

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SELLING DISEASED MEAT

It Comes From Santa Rita Ranch.

How West Side People Are Fed.

Cattle With Lumpy Jaw Slaughtered for the Market—A Seizure Made.

Saturday's Daily.

County Veterinarian and Food Inspector James Graham returned from Firebaugh yesterday morning with a story which will be read with amazement by residents in that section of the West Side. Briefly stated it amounts to a declaration by Dr. Graham that diseased meat, utterly unfit for human consumption, has been regularly sold to the people of Firebaugh, Mendota, White's Bridge, Los Banos, Dos Palos and to the farmers and laborers in the adjacent country for miles around.

Dr. Graham seized, condemned and caused to be buried a whole wagon load of diseased meat which came from the Santa Rita ranch, in Merced county, and had been brought over to Firebaugh.

The following statement was made by Dr. Graham yesterday afternoon in the presence of H. C. Manpin, health officer of this county:

"On October 20th I was called to the home of a Mr. Miller, who was a widow, in the West Side, and was run over by a team of horses.

"I went over to investigate.

"I found the team of horses.

"I went to the home of the widow.

"I found the team of horses.

SALOONS IN THE CITY

County Regulations Not Applicable.

The Municipal Requirements Control.

Mr. Freeman's Opinion Given the Supervisors—Justice E. H. Tucker's Bill.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Board of Supervisors transacted considerable business yesterday. All the members were present, and Chairman Sayre presided.

Friday at 2 p.m. was fixed as the time for the appearance before the board of parents of children who are inmates of the county orphanage, to show cause why they should not pay for the maintenance of their offspring.

On motion of Ward the following resolution was passed:

"That hereafter this board allow no claim for telephones or telegraph service other than rent for telephone in county offices; provided, that county officers finding it necessary to use the telegraph or telephone for their purpose only, will pay the cost thereof, and present to this board for allowance a claim, together with vouchers, showing the same have been paid."

The supervisor spent considerable time in inspecting bills. Ward called attention to a claim from Justice of the Peace F. H. Tucker of Selma, and the board was unanimous in a motion to send for the District Attorney to ascertain if the charge was a legal one. Judge Tucker's bill is for the month of October, and the amount it calls for is \$125. On two days in August Judge Tucker had forty-five vagrants before him, and he charged the board \$125, while the amount allowed by law is \$10. But what seemed to puzzle the supervisors was that every one of the vagrants had been "fostered." The whole drove had been hurried into court and certified to leave town.

The arrests had all been made by Constable Spencer and by Deputy William De Lashmitt, the defaulter city marshal of Selma. Judge Tucker presented the claim for his October allowance, although the work had been done in August.

The state law provides that a justice's fees shall not exceed \$150 a year, and the limit of \$125 a month is in accordance with an order of the board, for the consideration of all parties concerned.

The forty-one cases were surprising to Judge Tucker in August, and he held the claims over for these cases to make up the October deficit.

District Attorney Snow explained that as far as the legality of Justice Tucker's bill was concerned it was proper.

Applications for liquor licenses from the following were granted: Kingsburg—W. J. Berry, W. W. Ward; Sanger—E. Stock, H. M. Rodgers; M. Rogallo; Firebaugh—Adolpho Pisan; White's Bridge—Antone Irvin; Clovis—W. S. Judkins; Fowler—T. H. Clark; Reedley—Danson & Clark; Mrs. A. C. Stratton; Robert Simpson; Madera—Charles Mattox.

The applications were all made in conformity with the requirements of the new license ordinance, which are as follows:

"No person, firm, corporation, club or association shall have issued to him or them, the license required by this section of said ordinance, unless such person, firm, corporation, club or association, be of good moral character, and first obtain permission to do so, by making application, writing herein, to the supervisor or supervisors at a meeting thereof, for permission to obtain the license herein required, and shall file with said application a written recommendation, setting forth that the applicant or applicants are persons of good moral character and suitable to conduct such business, and that the proposed place of business is in a suitable and proper locality for conducting the same, which recommendation must be signed by not less than five out of ten of the citizens of the county of Fresno, residing near the place where the application or application is to be carried on said business, each of whom must be a freethinker, the head of the family, as that term is defined by Section 1261 of the Civil Code of the State of California."

During the discussion on the petitions the question was raised as to whether or not the board could enforce these requirements with regard to the saloons in the city of Fresno, which also may a county license. Deputy District Attorney Freeman was called in and he stated that the county has no authority over saloons situated in the city; that the police regulations were in control in the municipality. The supervisor could not get an application for a license if the city authority had granted it. Only in regard to saloons under municipal regulations have the supervisors any authority to require conformity with their ordinance.

The county ordinance further provides: "Any person, firm, corporation, club or association, to whom such a permit has been granted, who does not conduct the business for which such permit has been granted, in a quiet, orderly and reputable manner, or who commits any breach of the peace, or disturbance of the public order, or decorum by any tumultuous, riotous or disorderly conduct at the place or in the presence where such business is conducted, or who sells, gives or furnishes at said place or on said premises any intoxicating liquor, spirituous, malt or fermented liquor or wine, or any admixture thereof, to any person in a state of intoxication, or to any person adduced to the inordinate use of intoxicating liquors, or to any person under the age of twenty-one years, or who shall allow any person under the age of twenty-one years, on any intoxicated person to be or remain at said place or upon said premises, or who shall not obey and abide by all the laws and ordinances now in force, or which may hereafter be enacted, shall forfeit such permit."

Any elector of the county may make complaint to the supervisor of any violation of the above requirements, and the supervisor shall hear the matter. If the charges are sustained the license for the same may be revoked.

Charles Dickey was ordered released from jail on credit. He was sentenced at Salina to serve ninety days for disturbing the peace.

A DOG POISONER.

Several Mourn the Loss of Favorite Family Dogs.

Yesterday morning several residents of Fresno discovered that their favorite family dogs had been poisoned during Monday night. On M street, opposite the court house there were two complaints because of work by the dog poisoner. Mrs. S. E. Davis lost a faithful watch dog, and Mrs. Dave Dunbar, a neighbor, also found her dog dead from the effects of poison. "Prince," Surveyor Hinde's dog, was poisoned on the same night.

Mrs. G. C.'s Examination.

The preliminary examination of Mrs. G. C., the highbinder who abducted a Chinese girl from Fowler recently, will be conducted by District Attorney Snow.

HOW BARON GOT OUT.

An Elaborate and Somewhat Startling Explanation.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Editor KETCHUM.—The assertion is made in the morning paper that G. A. Baron was released under the express condition of his paying \$10. Now let it be known that Mr. Baro was released at the suggestion and individual of the attorney on the other side, consequently Mr. Baron claims a victory so far. Mr. Baron has evidence, both documentary and vocal, which shall prove that he himself is entitled to the decree of divorce. Now, Mr. G. A. Baron the husband of whom is sought a divorce, has been spending his time in the county jail at the pleasure of her and her attorney. Now comes Mr. Baron and does nothing except take his name in jail. Now comes the attorney for her ladyship and beseeches the judge, who is J. R. Webb, to release Mr. Baron who is now on the street and in his natural place performing his duty as agent of justice. In the name of man Mr. Baron has been presented.

Should it be necessary, the reputation of Mrs. Baron, at one time Mrs. Fairchild of Modesto, nee Lynch, shall have been shown. Let it be known imperatively that the sympathy of the most pronounced people in with Mr. Baron. Let it also be known that Mr. Baron was not released from jail for the purpose of raising the money to pay her ladyship and her attorney.

THE SANTA FE ACTIVE.

A Significant Extension of Rail-road to Randsburg.

A Los Angeles dispatch in the Call yesterday contained the following:

There is a well defined idea that the Santa Fe people are pushing for an extension of the San Joaquin Valley railroad west of the Southern Pacific. A

present work is progressing rapidly upon a branch road from Kramer on the Santa Fe, to Randsburg. The character of the road is so substantial in all lines that few people believe that so much money is being spent simply to build a small mining camp. The impression is that the road will be continued from Randsburg to a junction with the Valley road at Bakersfield. The distance is only about 125 miles, and the grades are comparatively easy and the construction will be good.

The people of this city have long dreamed of a line to San Francisco, the Southern Pacific, and it appears as though they were going to get it.

The Southern Pacific is now figuring on a road from Mojave through Randsburg to Keeler. This latter town is the Southern Pacific terminus of the Colorado and Colorado narrow gauge.

AN AWFUL DEATH.

John Dickman Crushed Be-neath a Tree.

Fatal Accident to a Woodchop-per in the Kings River Bottom Yesterday.

John Dickman, a woodchopper, was

found crushed to death beneath a large

tree that he had fell with his own

hands in the Kings River bottom near

Centerville yesterday morning. He was

in the employ of Dorey & Parker of

this city. Dickman was alone when he

was killed and the exact time of the ac-

cident that resulted fatally will never be

known.

The deceased was engaged in cutting

down a large oak tree for the purpose

of having a seat on a clearing of land

of land for Dorey & Parker. He had

cut down around the roots and cut

them off, and before he could get out of

the way the tree came down upon him

crushing his body in a horrible manner.

No one will ever know how long he sur-

vived his injuries and if he was not killed instantly, imprisoned as he was

beneath the tree, his sufferings were

terrible.

Dickman was an experienced wood-

man and his friends are at a loss to ac-

count for his being killed in such a man-

ner. About forty men are engaged in

that vicinity cutting wood, and rarely

an accident occurs to the most experienced.

John Dickman was a member of the

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